

Notice of Allowability

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Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☐ This communication is responsive to ____.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-16.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 7/03/03 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date ____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date ____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date 112603
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date ____.
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other ____.

DETAILED ACTION

Allowable Subject Matter

1. Claims 1-16 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Dodart (U.S. Patent No. 5,532,659) discloses a connection for a high-frequency connection of a semi-rigid coaxial cable (1) provided with a single-core inner conductor (10), an adapter fastener (2), which is intended for both an adapter connection and a circuit board connection, the adapter fastener (2) being electrically conductive, wherein the adapter fastener (2) comprises a hole (23) which extends through the adapter fastener (2) and to which the coaxial cable (1) is fixed; wherein the sheath (11) of the coaxial cable (1) is electrically connected to the adapter fastener (2) and a male connection is formed at the adapter fastener (2) by means of the inner conductor (10) of the coaxial cable (1). See Figs. 1-3.

Pope (U.S. Patent No. 4,996,478) discloses a connection for a high-frequency connection of a coaxial connector (34), an adapter fastener (100), which is intended for both an adapter connection and a circuit board connection, the adapter fastener (100) being electrically conductive, wherein the adapter fastener (100) comprises a hole (102) which extends through the adapter fastener (100) and to which the coaxial connector (34) is fixed. See Figs. 1-5.

Voelcker (U.S. Patent No. 3,201,721) discloses a connection for a high-frequency connection of a semi-rigid coaxial cable (11) provided with a single-core inner conductor (13), an adapter fastener (24), which is intended for both an adapter connection and a circuit board connection, the adapter fastener (24) being electrically conductive, wherein the adapter fastener (24) comprises a hole (34) which extends through the adapter fastener (24) and to which the coaxial cable (11) is fixed. See Figs. 1-2.

However, the references fail to teach, disclose, or suggest, either alone or in combination, the adapter male connection being connected to a female connection of a standardized adapter by connecting the inner conductor of the coaxial cable electrically to a female contact of the standardized adapter and by connecting the adapter fastener electrically by means of adapter protrusions to the frame of the standardized adapter, and the adapter fastener being fastened by means of circuit board protrusions to a circuit board and the adapter fastener is connected electrically by means of the circuit board protrusions to the earth of the circuit board.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

2. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Logan (U.S. Patent No. 3,539,966), Kan (U.S. Patent No. 6,407,652), Cartier et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,639,154), Evans (U.S. Patent No. 6,575,762), and Hosler, Sr. (U.S. Patent No. 5,897,384) disclose coaxial connections having fasteners, adapters and cables.

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Edwin A. León whose telephone number is (571) 272-2008. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday 10:00-6:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Paula A. Bradley can be reached on 571-272-2800, extension 33. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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